

## **Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Committee/Board Meeting**

**Thursday, February 27, 2003**

Chairs Herro and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**Committee Members Present** : Supervisors Ken Herro (Chair), Sandy Wolff, Jim Jeskewitz, Paul Pronold, and Alicia Silva. **Absent**: Supervisors Carl Seitz and Mareth Kipp.

**Board Members Present** : Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair) and Dick Wutt, and Supervisors Pat Haukohl, Duane Paulson, Vera Stroud, and Joe Griffin. **Absent**: Supervisor Duane Stamsta and Citizen Members Mary Baer, John Guy, and JoAnn Weidmann.

**Also Present** : Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Senior Financial Analyst Andy Thelke, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Ernie Messinger, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Intake & Support Services Manager Don Maurer, Economic Support Regional Trainer Kevin Raines, Economic Support Coordinator Sue Schmitz, Mental Health Advisory Committee Chair Linda Cole, Clinical Services Manager Mike DeMares, Nursing Manager Deanie Orth, Outpatient Services Coordinator Gordon Owley, Kathryn Jallas - Franke of Children Come First, Mental Health Center Administrator Michele Cusatis, and Human Services Supervisor Joan Sternweis.

### **COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approve Minutes of February 13, 2002**

**MOTION**: Jeskewitz moved, second by Pronold to approve the minutes of February 13. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Executive Committee Report**

Haukohl advised of the following issues discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Approved the three-way min. in agreement resolution.
- Reviewed Chapter 4 revisions to the County code.
- The 2000 capital project to improve Moor Downs Golf Course fairway #5 will go forward now that Riverview will not be relocated.

#### **Schedule Next Meeting Dates**

March 13<sup>th</sup> (combined with the board and includes a luncheon).

### **BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Announcements**

Farrell distributed campaign information and blue ribbon pins for the Children's Health System Child Abuse Prevention Fund. Farrell said on April 13<sup>rd</sup>, the Joint Advisory Committee meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Also on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Wisconsin Council on Children & Family will hold an analysis and discussion beginning at noon and until 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be brought in thereafter. Location has yet to be determined. Farrell encouraged committee members to attend.

**Approve Minutes of January 23, 2002**

**MOTION**: Paulson moved, second by Haukohl to approve the minutes of January 23. Haukohl asked that a correction be made on page 4. Motion carried 6-0 as amended.

## **Meeting Approvals**

**MOTION:** Stroud moved, second by Haukoht to approve attendance for any board members wanting to attend the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) Conference. Motion carried 6 -0.

## **COMBINED AGENDA ITEMS**

### **State Family Planning Waiver**

Maurer distributed information on the Family Planning Waiver, originally proposed by the Thompson administration in 1998 in response to, at that time, an escalating number of unwed/teen pregnancies. Raines noted that the waiver was approved in June of 2002 and became effective in January of 2003. Maurer said the purpose of the waiver is to allow young women to get family planning materials/birth control reasonably using Title 19 funds. Raines advised that the goal of the program is to control Medicaid costs by reducing the number of unintended pregnancies. The target population is women aged 15 to 44 years whose income must be less than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. For example, \$2,350 per month for a family of three, or \$1,355 per month for a single individual. They are not eligible for the waiver if they're already receiving full benefit Medicaid which offers the same type of service. The applicant, the applicant's spouse and the applicant's minor children are eligible.

Some issues/concerns with the waiver are as follows: 1) A minor's eligibility is determined without the use of parental income; 2) Minors are able to apply without the knowledge or consent of parents; 3) Confidentiality forbids the disclosure of any information to parents; 4) There is no automatic mandated child abuse/neglect reporting for 15 year old applicants; and 5) An increase in the workload. Messinger noted that this is a statutory requirement, therefore, it's mandated that the County provide the service. Raines said the state is anticipating a state wide total of over 3,000 applicants. Maurer said in the first two months, Waukesha County will have about 120 applicants. Staff are hoping this trend doesn't continue due to workload/funding concerns. Maurer and Raines discussed these issues in detail.

### **General Assistance Medical Update**

Maurer said the County, last year in the budget, planned to end the Basic program around the end of August or the beginning of September of 2003 due to escalating costs. The program serves temporarily incapacitated individuals, primarily single adults, who are not eligible for other programs (such as Title 19, Badger Care, etc.), but need some form of medical care, perhaps for back injuries, cancer, heart conditions, etc. In most cases, individuals are able to recover but those who don't are usually then eligible for SSI or Social Security.

Maurer said billings for the last two months of 2002 came in twice of what they could sustain and January's billing was very high as well. Therefore, staff decided they had to accelerate the program's phase-out in order to control costs. As of March 15, no new applications will be accepted, and beginning June 1, no more treatments will be paid for. Letters will be sent to all providers and clients advising of the changes. Currently, there is \$500,000 in the budget for Basic. Of that, \$160,000 is state funds and the remaining is County levy. In addition, Messinger said if we were to continue with Basic, we would have to consider it a health plan and it would be subjected to all HIPAA rules and regulations. Schmitz noted that even though Basic is being discontinued, people could still be eligible for rent and food vouchers.

### **Update on the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)**

Messinger said by April 14<sup>th</sup> counties are required to have their policies written and in place for the privacy component. He doubts this will be met although it shouldn't be detrimental. Some counties have barely started. Wagner said County staff have been working since last year to become HIPAA compliant. They have identified 29 policies and forms that either need to be changed or created in order to be in compliance. Approximately one-half of those have been completed and forwarded to the Corporation Counsel's Office for review. Another five are ready to be forwarded, and they have a final review on the last tens scheduled for next Tuesday. They are working with the State to see if they can't find a common

tooltodosomeofther equiredoverviewtrainingonHIPAA.Theyhavescheduledthetrainingfor supervisorsfortheweeksofMarch24andMarch31fortheprivacycomponent,andstaffarescheduled fortrainingtheweeksofApril7andApril14.Theelectronicdataandsecuritycomponentswillfollowa similarpattern.These,however,won'timpactasmanyfrontlinestaffasmuchastheprivacycomponent.

#### **ReviewMentalHealthAdvisoryCommitteeNeedsList**

DeMaresdistributedcopiesoftheMentalHealthAdvisoryCommittee's2004needslist.ChairCole reviewedsameasoutlined.Afewoftheidentifiedneedsentailadditionalfundingforthe2004budget whichtotals\$175,000forcertainservicestheyfeelarevital.Theseinclude\$30,000forservicesfor seriouslyemotionallydisturbed(SED)individuals,\$40,000forincreasedpsychiatrytimeforadults, \$50,000forClubhouseexpansion,and\$50,000fornewerpsychopharmaceuticalsforchildrenandadults.

**MOTION:**Haukohl moved,secondbyGriffinto adjourntheboardportionofthemeetingat3:21p.m.  
Motioncarried6 -0.

Wolff,Farrell,Paulson,andStroudleftthemeetingat3:22p.m.

#### **EducationalPresentationonMentalHealthServicesandTourFacility**

Forcommitteeandboardmemberstoreadattheirleisure,DeMaresdistributeddetailedinformationon theClinicalServicesDivisionwhichincludedbudgetary,staff,program,andclientinformation.Staff tooktheremainingcommitteeandboardmembersonatourofthefacility.

**MOTION:**Silvamoved,secondbyJeske to adjournthecommitteeportionofthemeetingat4:35 p.m.Motioncarried4 -0.

RecordedbyMaryPedersen,LegislativeAssociate.

Respectfullysubmitted,

AliciaSilva  
Secretary